

**STATE OF NEW YORK****LEGISLATURE OF ERIE COUNTY****BUFFALO, N.Y., SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>, 2016, A.D.**

***I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT at a regular session of the Legislature of Erie County Held in the County Hall, in the City of Buffalo, on the 22nd day of September, 2016 A.D., a resolution was adopted, of which the following is a true copy:***

***WHEREAS, the Office of Sheriff has been an integral part of the criminal justice system in New York State and in Erie County throughout our history, once established in the State's first constitution in 1777 and since then has continued in every succeeding constitution; and***

***WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office has a long and storied past, in fact, Grover Cleveland began his political career with his election as the Sheriff of Erie County in 1887; and***

***WHEREAS, despite changes in its function, status, and powers during its long history, the Erie County Sheriff's Office has maintained a continuous existence, preserved its distinguishing heritage, and continued as an essential component of our community since February 4, 1821; and***

***WHEREAS, the Erie County Sheriff's Office has evolved into a modern, professional, full-service law enforcement agency, manned by fully trained police officers, using state-of-the-art technology and achieving the highest certifications and accreditations within in the criminal justice field; and***

***WHEREAS, the duties of the Sheriff's Office go far beyond the traditional role of "Keeper of the Peace," and extend into many facets of public service, including maintaining the Erie County Holding Center and the Correctional Facility, providing security in our courts, dispatching emergency services, and serving and executing civil process for our courts; and***

***WHEREAS, as a constitutionally empowered entity directly responsible to the People, the ancient Office of Sheriff remains, even today, responsive and accountable to the residence of Erie County; and***

***WHEREAS, it is fitting to celebrate the historical contributions of the Erie County Sheriff's Office and the significant role the Sheriff and its deputies play in our modern criminal justice system.***

***NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT***

***RESOLVED, that this honorable body does hereby proclaim September 18th–24<sup>th</sup>, 2016, A.D., as Sheriffs Week in Erie County.***